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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Amendment Date:

March 12, 2019

Authorization Date:

March 1, 2019

Expiration Date:

October 31, 2019

Report Due Date:

April 30, 2020

File Symbol:

19TX05

Attn: Kevin Haack

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby amends a specific exemption previously granted under the provisions of Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for use of sulfoxaflor (CAS Reg. No. 946578-00-3) to control tarnished plant bug (*Lygus lineolaris*) on cotton.

This specific exemption is amended to remove item number 6, "Known beekeepers within 1 mile of the treatment area must be notified 48 hours before the product is applied to allow them to take additional steps to protect bees" and item number 7, "Do not start applications before 7:00 pm and applications must be completed by 7:00 am local time." Finally, item numbers 9 and 10 will be revised to read as follows:

- 9. Environmental Hazards Statement: "This product is highly toxic to bees exposed through contact during spraying and while spray droplets are still wet. This product may be toxic to bees exposed to treated foliage for up to 3 hours following application. Toxicity is reduced when spray droplets are dry. Risks to managed and native pollinators from contact with pesticide spray or residues can be minimized when applications are made before 7:00 am or after 7:00 pm local time or when the temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) at the site of application."
- 10. Advisory Pollinator Statement: "Notifying known beekeepers within 1 mile of the treatment area 48 hours before the product is applied will allow them to take additional steps to protect bees. If known apiaries are within one mile of cotton fields intended for treatment, applications should be made before 7:00 am or after 7:00 pm local time during the flowering period. Growers are advised to refer to and, where feasible, observe the cooperative standards outlined in the Texas Apiary Inspection Service (TAIS) for additional guidance and bee conservation stewardship efforts."

All other conditions and restrictions as stated in the original authorization letter for 19TX05, dated March 1, 2019 still apply.

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